Docket No.: SB-514

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 10/533,560 Confirmation No.: 4363

Inventor : Gebhard Zobl, et al.

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Title : Process for Producing a Molding

TC/AU : 1791

Examiner : Russell J. Kemmerle III

Customer No. : 24131

Hon. Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.183

Sir:

Applicants herewith seek relief under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.183 for the following reasons:

- On October 1, 2009, applicants filed a Notice of Appeal together with a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review.
- A Notice of Panel Decision issued on November 2, 2009 ordering the application to
 proceed to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences thus requiring applicants
 to file a Brief on Appeal by the due date of December 1, 2010, or, calculated from the
 mail date of the Panel Decision, by December 2, 2010.
- Applicants never received the Panel Decision. Counsel did not become aware of the paper until a careful review of counsel's database and the PTO database was recently conducted.
- As proof of the non-receipt of the Panel Decision, applicants herewith submit, similar
 to 37 CFR 1.137(a) which is not yet applicable as stated below, a copy of the file

jacket (two pages), on which the receipt of the Panel Decision would have been

entered had it been received, and a copy of the docket book page of December 2,

2009, the date on which the Brief on Appeal would have been due had the Panel

Decision been received. Also submitted herewith is a declaration by counsel's office

and docket administrator, Birgit Bartell, corroborating the afore-mentioned facts.

• The Brief on Appeal would now be due by March 2, 2010 with a three-month

extension of time in the amount of \$1,110.00. As the non-receipt of the Panel

Decision occurred through no fault of counsel, it is believed that applicant's request

for relief under the provision of 37 CFR 1.183 is justifiable. It is further believed that

37 CFR 1.137(a) is not yet applicable.

• The petition is accompanied by the petition fee in the amount of \$130.00.

• Should any other fees be due for this submission, the Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge counsel's deposit account No. 12-1099 of Lerner Greenberg

Stemer LLP.

A favorable decision is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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